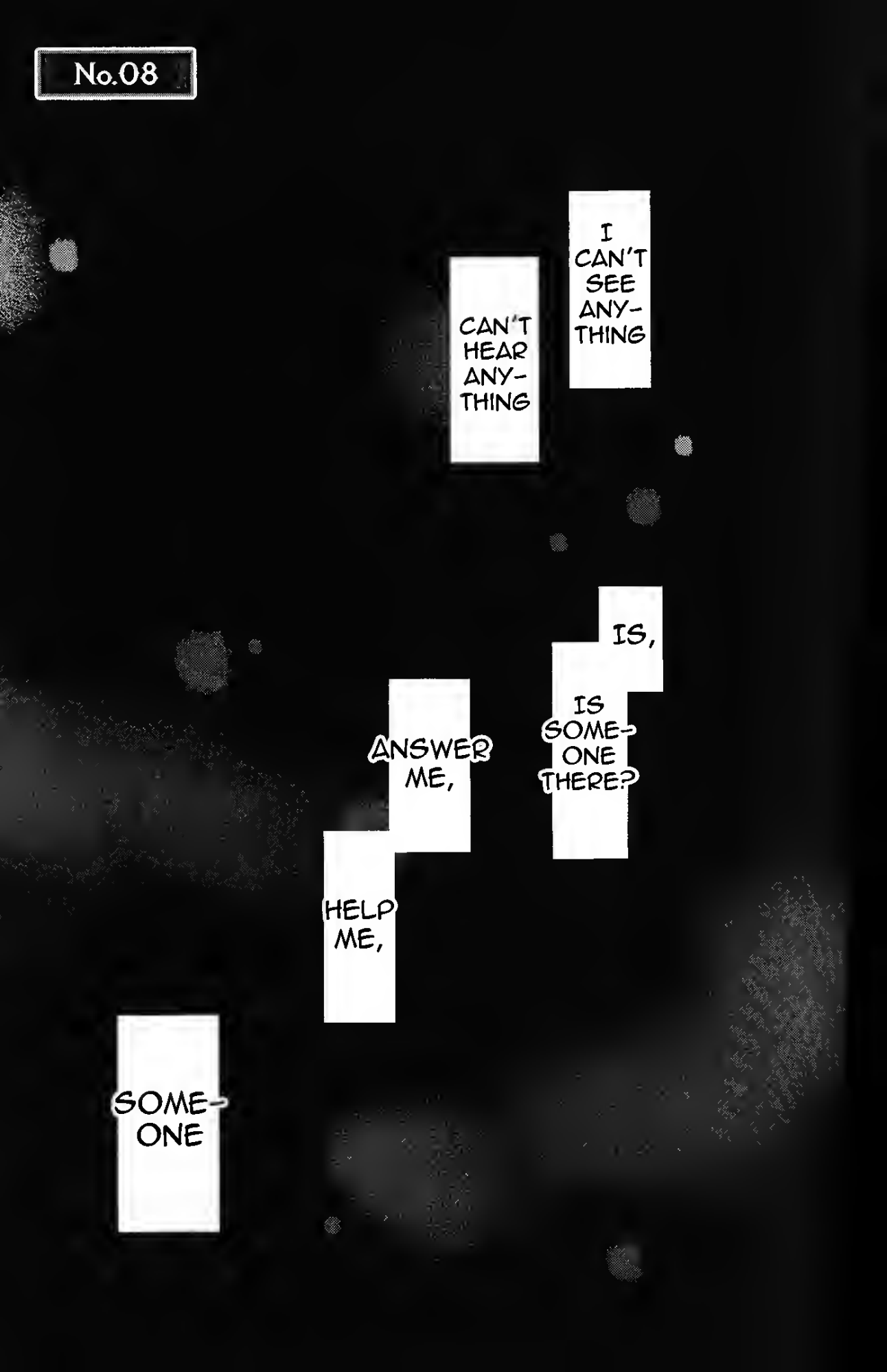
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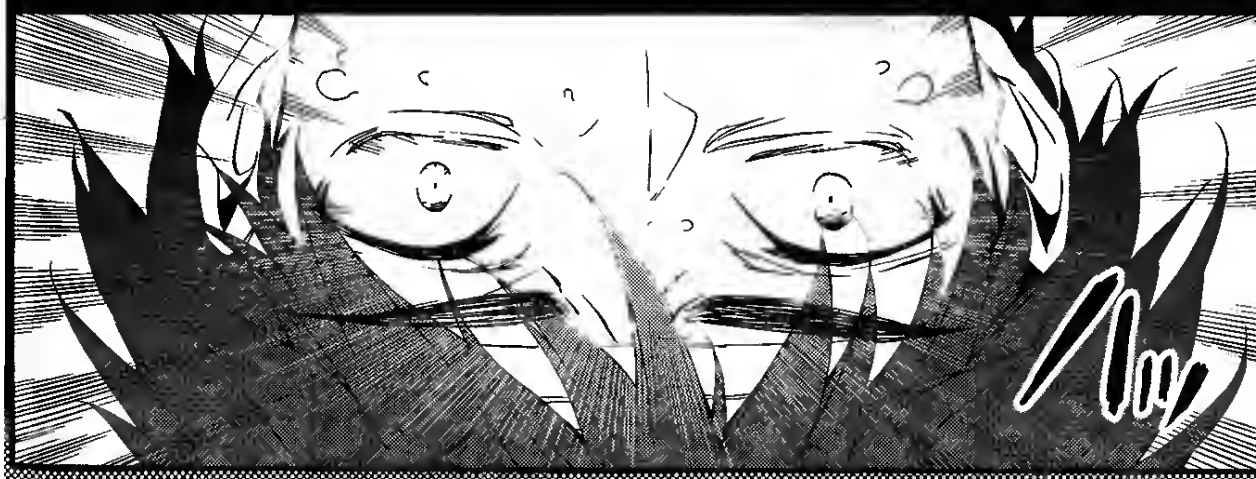
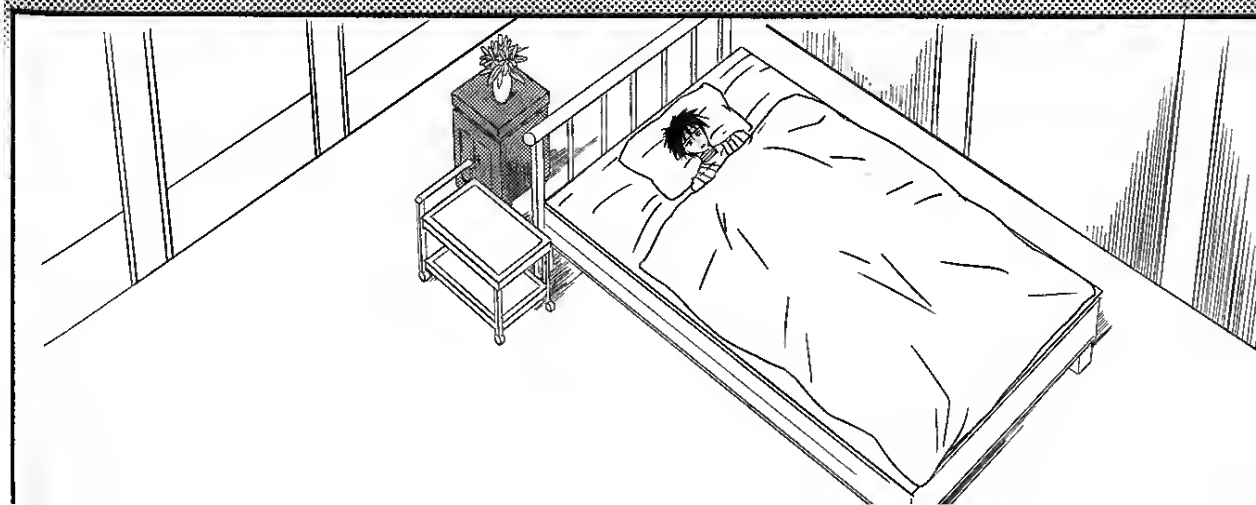
I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING
CAN'T HEAR ANY-THING
IS,
IS SOME-ONE THERE?
ANSWER ME,
HELP ME,
SOME-ONE

"THERE'S NO ONE LEFT BESIDES YOU."





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WHERE AM I?
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...WHAT... WAS I...?

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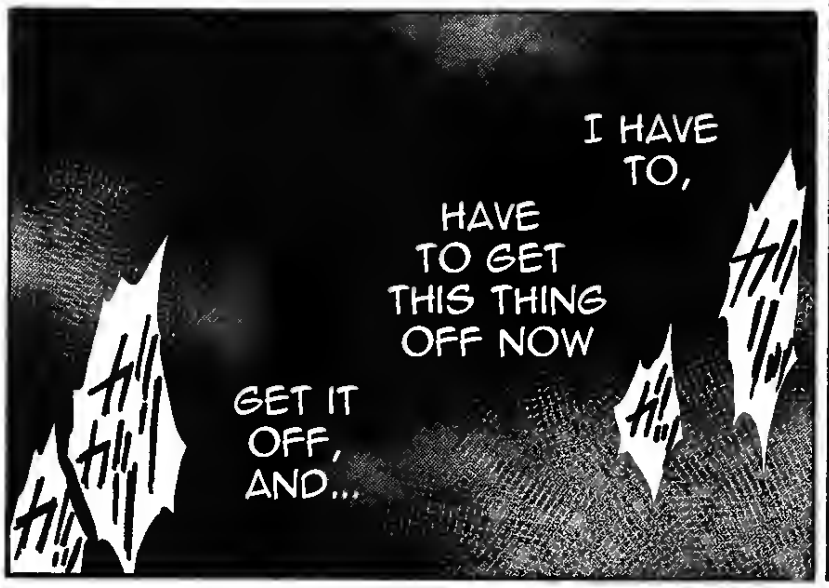
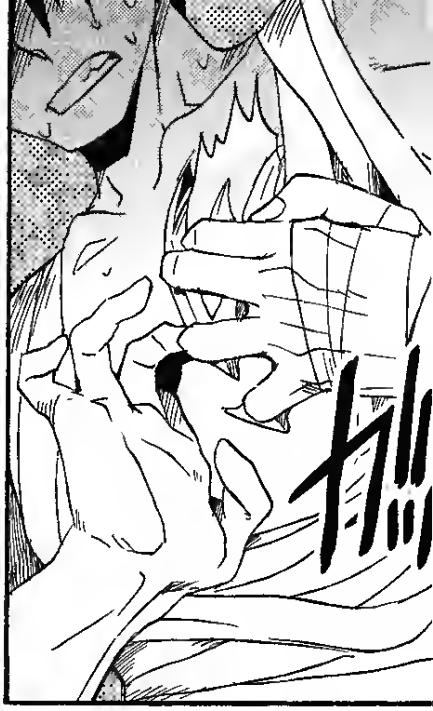
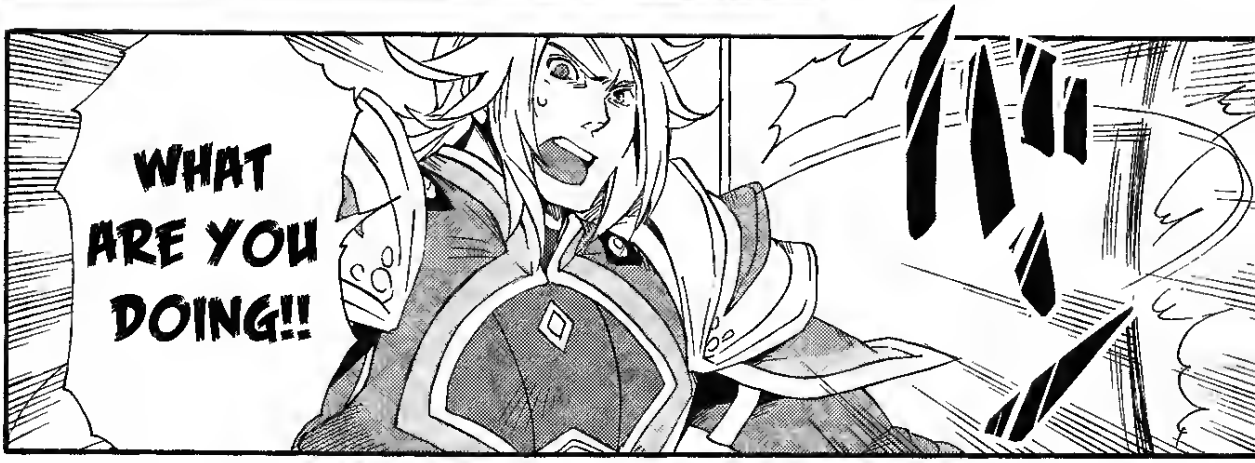
THAT'S RIGHT...
MY CHEST... HURTS. SOME-THING'S WRONG...
WHAT... IS THIS

WHAT IS THIS.
DAMN!
WHAT IS THIS!?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?


I HAVE TO,
HAVE TO GET THIS THING OFF NOW
GET IT OFF, AND...



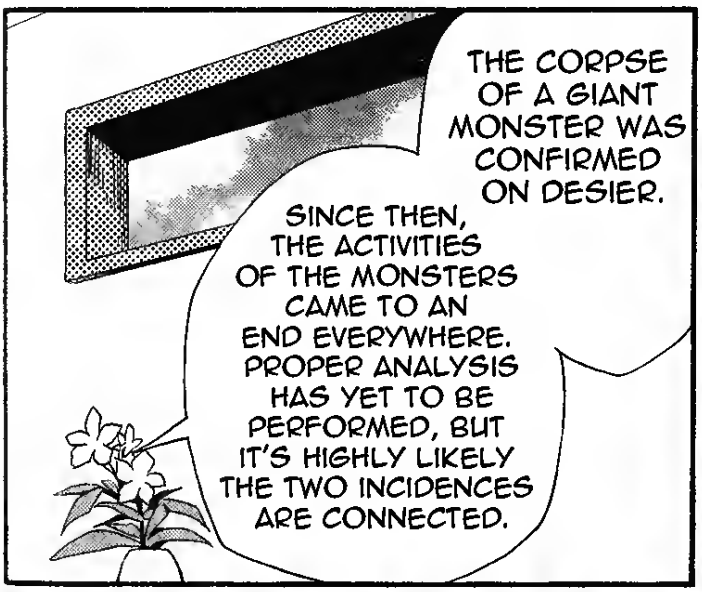

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!

COM-MAN-DANT ALEXEI ...
OF ALL THE LIVES WE LOST, YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WE COULD SAVE. DO YOU PLAN TO THROW THAT ALL AWAY!?

I WAS SAVED ...?
WHAT YOU HAVE OVER YOUR HEART IS A BLASTIA. IT'S A NEW SPECIMEN A FRIEND OF MINE MADE TO SUPPORT YOUR BODY.
A HEART... BLASTIA.
I RECEIVED A REPORT FROM OTHERS WHOM WERE ON THEIR RETURN TRIP. I GATHERED SOME TROOPS TO FOLLOW AFTER YOU ALL...
BUT WHEN WE ARRIVED, THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS. THOUGH THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS WERE LOW, WE TRIED TO REVIVE SEVERAL PEOPLE.

IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE WE PERFORMED THE TRANS-PLANTATION. WE ARE BACK AT THE CAPITAL NOW.
THE ONLY ONE...

YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE THAT CAME BACK.


THE CORPSE OF A GIANT MONSTER WAS CONFIRMED ON DESIER.
SINCE THEN, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MONSTERS CAME TO AN END EVERYWHERE. PROPER ANALYSIS HAS YET TO BE PERFORMED, BUT IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THE TWO INCIDENCES ARE CONNECTED.

...HOW DID THE BATTLE WITH THE MONSTERS GO?

IF THAT BLACK MONSTER IS DEAD,
THEN IT MUST'VE BEEN....

THE IMPERIAL KNIGHTS HAVE RECEIVED A HUGE BLOW. IT'S IMPERATIVE WE START TO REBUILD.
SINCE YOU ARE THE ONLY SURVIVOR OF YOUR PLATOON, I'D LIKE YOU TO REFORM THE UNIT.
THIS NEXT THING I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.
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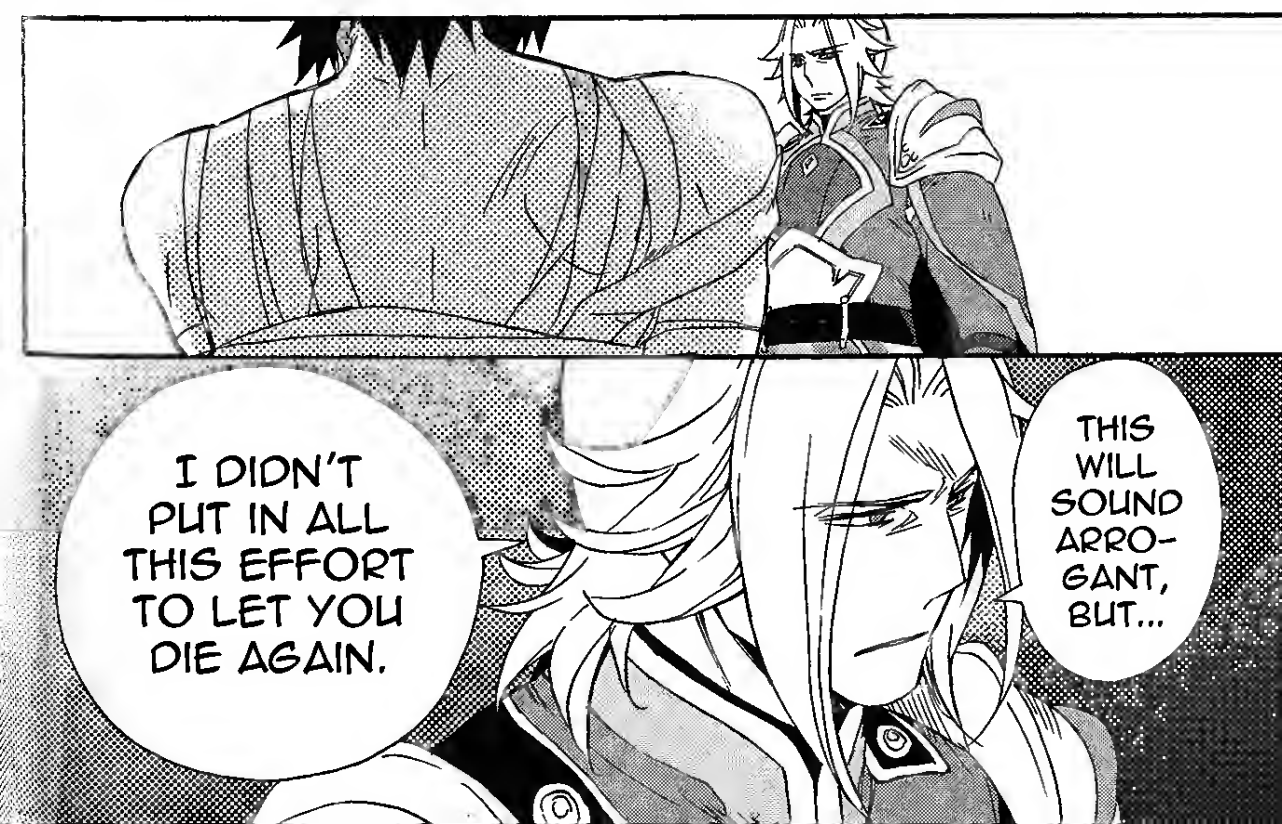
...I CAN'T.
I... HAVE NO REASON TO.
...THIS WAS ALL MY RESPONSIBILITY. I WON'T ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS. YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO RESENT ME.
...IT'S NOT THAT.
I HAVE NOTHING.
I'M GOING TO RETURN TO FARRYHEID. I'LL THINK ABOUT WHAT TO DO THEN.

I'M SORRY... FARRY-HEID IS NO MORE.
NO MORE ...?
IT WAS DESTROYED.
SHIELD BLASTIA AND ALL...
WHAT ABOUT THE RESI-DENTS?
...NO SURVIVORS WERE FOUND.

ALL THE PEOPLE WHO'VE EVER KNOWN ME....
ARE GONE
.... PLEASE, STOP.
WHAT?

I'VE ALREADY DIED.
I DON'T WANT TO BE FORCED TO LIVE A LIE LIKE THIS.
I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM EVERYONE.
I HATE IT!


THIS WILL SOUND ARRO-GANT, BUT...
I DIDN'T PUT IN ALL THIS EFFORT TO LET YOU DIE AGAIN.

HERE IS THE CONTROLLER TO THE BLASTIA. YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO TURN IT OFF WITH THIS.
BUT REMEMBER
I NEED YOU.

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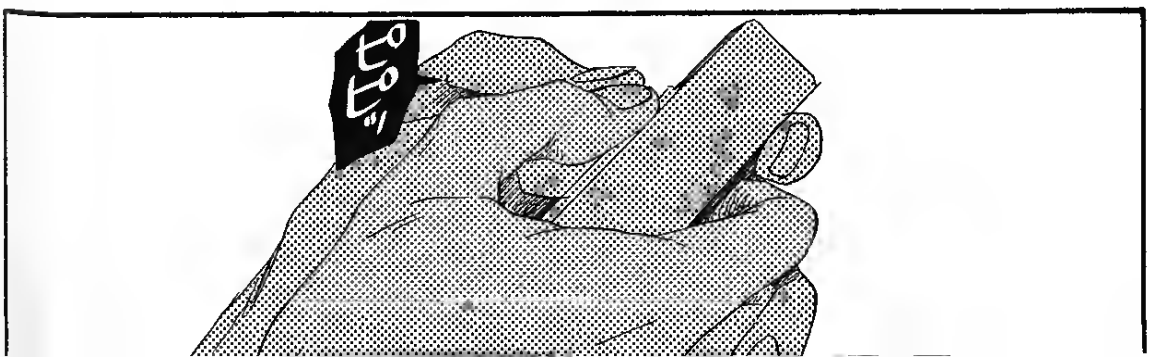

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THIS ROOM'S PATIENT IS GONE AGAIN.
OH.
HE'LL COME BACK SOON. HE ALWAYS DOES THIS.
THAT'S TRUE...
HE SPENDS A LOT OF TIME STARING OFF INTO SPACE WHILE FIDGITING WITH SOME ELECTRONIC.
AND HE STILL WON'T SPEAK TO US.
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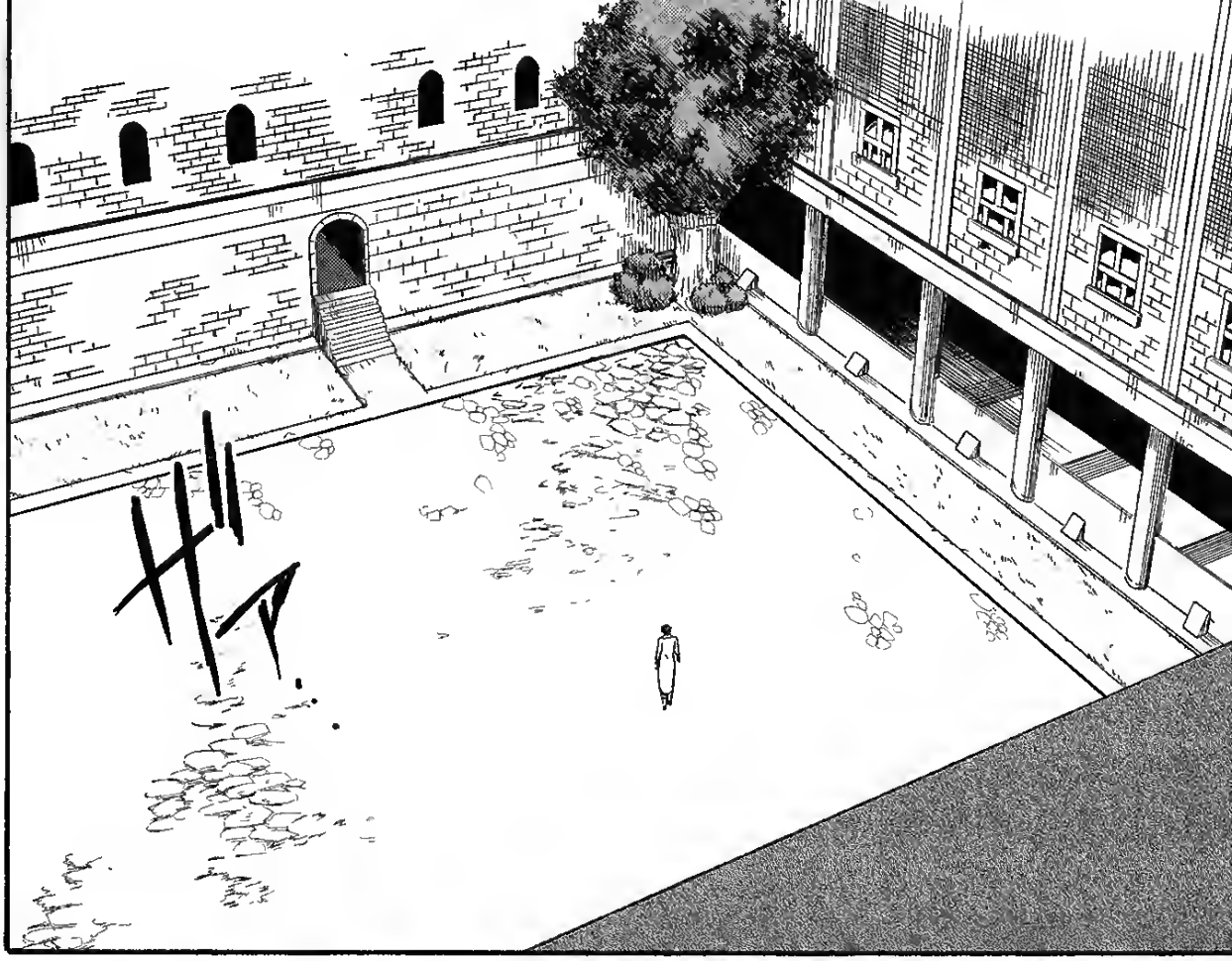
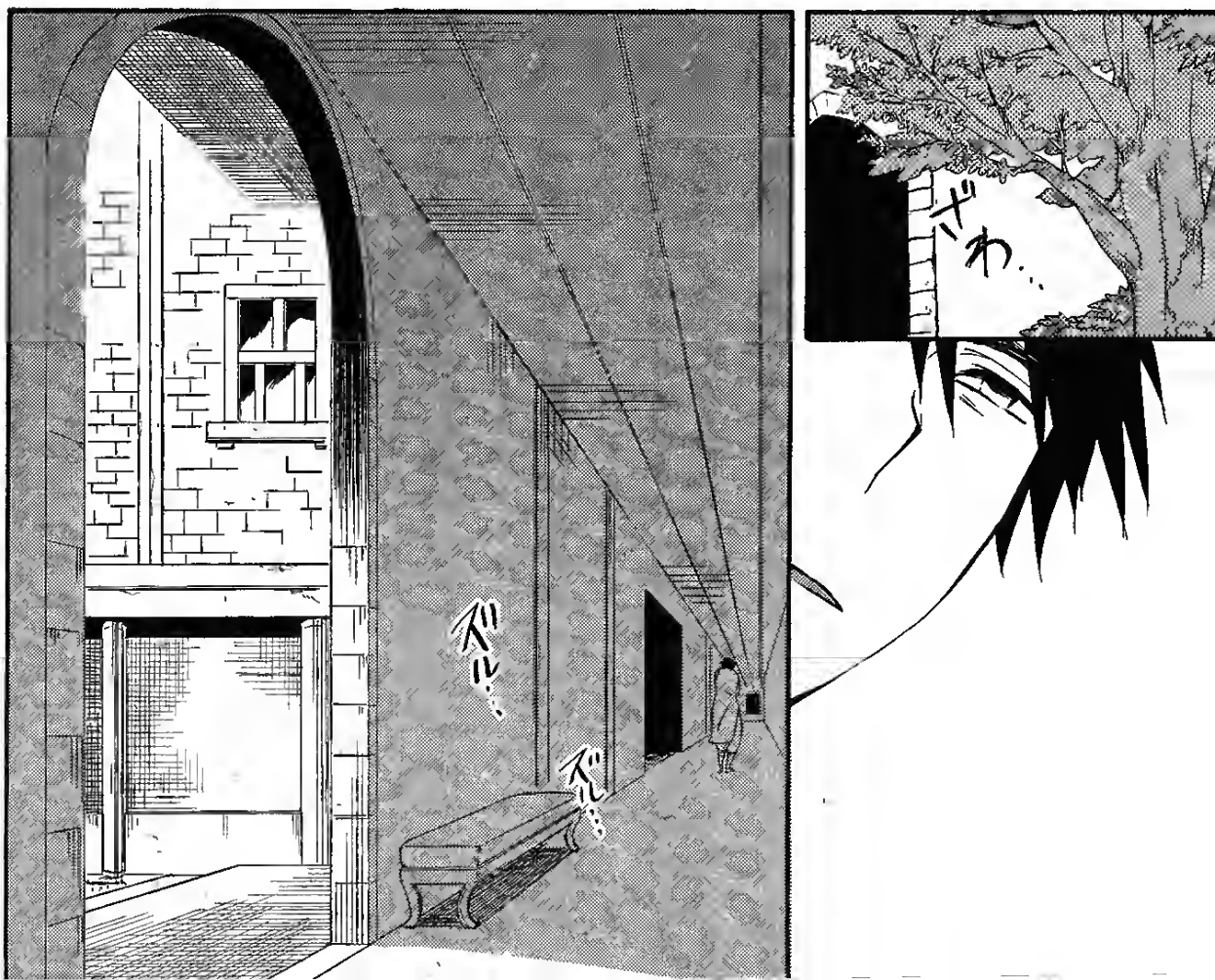
THIS IS WHERE ...
"YO, DAMURON!"
"DAMURON, ARE YOU GONNA JOIN US FOR SOME ARCHERY TRAINING?"
"WE NEED TO KEEP WORKING HARD AS A PLATOON, YOU KNOW."
"LET'S GO, DAMURON! JOIN US!"

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I'LL BE TAKING THIS SWORD.
A SMALL PRICE TO PAY, CONSIDERING YOUR BETRAYAL.
W-WAIT! THINK OF THE EMPIRE.
Y-YOU'RE HUMAN, TOO, SO YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND.
THE EMPIRE? HUMAN?
IF YOU CALL A HUMAN SOMEONE WHO BREAKS LONG-STANDING AGREEMENTS AND ONLY LOOKS AFTER THEMSELVES,
THEN I WILL NO LONGER ALIGN MYSELF WITH HUMANS!

WHAT YOU DO INSIDE THE BARRIERS IS NO LONGER OF ANY CONCERN TO ME.
BUT KNOW THAT IF I SEE YOU CRAWLING OUT FROM YOUR HOLE AGAIN, WE WILL BE ENEMIES.
FARE-WELL

UH...
...A WALKING CORPSE?

HE'S RIGHT...
I'M JUST...

...WHY ME?
DO YOU HAVE AN ANSWER?
YOU'VE EXPERIENCED A GREAT LOSS, BUT ISN'T THIS WHAT CASEY WANTS YOU TO DO, DAMURON?
LIKE I SAID BEFORE, BECAUSE YOU ARE THE SURVIVOR OF YOUR PLATOON.
AND, I KNOW OF YOUR SKILL.
...
HEH

YOU ARE ALIVE.
DAMURON ATOMAIS IS DEAD.
BUT I'M A FAKE, THANKS TO THIS DEVICE.
A DEAD PERSON DOESN'T WANT ANYTHING.
DAMURON'S DEAD. HE'S NO LONGER WITH US.
EVEN IF YOU RELY ON THE BLASTIA TO LIVE, IT SHOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE.

ENOUGH OF THIS!
REGARD-LESS OF WHAT ANYBODY WANTS OR DOESN'T WANT,
WE WHO'VE BEEN LEFT BEHIND HAVE AN OBLIGATION TOWARDS THOSE WHO'VE DIED!
TO BREAK DOWN THE THOUSAND YEAR-OLD CUSTOMS OF THE EMPIRE, AND LEAD US TO A NEW ERA.
YOU ALL WERE MY DREAM!

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THAT WAS MY WISH.
WHICH WOULD'VE BROUGHT TRUE PROSP-ERITY FOR ALL PEOPLE.

IF YOU WANT TO KEEP INSISTING THAT YOU'VE DIED, THEN FINE.
BUT YOU ARE ALIVE NOW. YOU'RE ALIVE!
ALRIGHT, WE CAN SAY YOU'VE DIED AS DAMURON. BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE AGAIN, YOU WILL LIVE A NEW LIFE!
I'LL GIVE YOU ANY NAME. JUST LOOK AT ME! LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH!

-IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT.
I'M HOLDING YOU TO THAT.
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step step step

You'll live a new life here.
You are one of the few knights who have survived The Great War.
Even though you are a commoner, you possess great skill and a certain level of pride.
Your name is...

AND SOON AFTER, THE EMPEROR SUCCUMBED TO ILLNESS
DAMURON IS DEAD
DAMURON IS GONE
I AM... SCHWANN OLTORAIN. I ALWAYS HAVE BEEN... AND I ALWAYS WILL BE.
THIS IS...
MY NEW PAST. MY NEW FUTURE...
SCHWANN OLTORAIN ...